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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 12, 14 and 16 as follows:

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12. (Twice Amended) A process for preparing dye-containing polymer particles containing at least one dye in a matrix of an essentially water-insoluble polymer and having an average particle size within the range from 5 nm to 5 μ m, which comprises: precipitating the polymer particles from a solution of the polymer and of the dye in a water-miscible organic solvent by continuously mixing this solution with an aqueous phase.

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3 14. (Amended) A process as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the polymer contains (in each case based on the total weight of the polymer) from 30 to 100 % by weight of at least one monomer a, from 0 to 60 % by weight of at least one monomer b having polar groups and